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AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATION

Sir:

 Apparently there has been some difficulty making amendments to this application. In may of 2002, per my conversation with Pierre at the 2160 customer service Center, I was instructed to send another copy of voluntary pre-examination amendments. Pierre told me that the current status of the amendments was that they could not be incorporated because they were not signed. The copy of that document that I sent indeed does have my signature at the bottom of the cover letter requesting amendments that looks similar to this letter. I can't imagine why the copy sent to the USPTO would not also have been signed since I made my copy from that copy.

 Then again, in May of 2003, Nicholas Rosen, called and told me that he had been assigned as the Examiner of this patent application and that again the voluntary amendments could not be added to the file because they were not signed. I have looked all over the USPTO web site and have found several documents explaining what is required to make amendments to applications. While I have found several documents that so requests that applicants sign their amendments, nothing says exactly where to sign them. Perhaps signing this cover letter is not enough. Since this is the third try at getting amendments to this application, I will make sure that my signature appears on every page of this document because I am at a loss as to why there is a problem with signatures.

 As I understand 37 CFR 1.121, it only requires that there be both a clean version and a marked-up version of a replacement paragraph/section/claim. 37 CFR 1.121 also gives the applicant a choice in the marking system. I have therefore chosen to provide a complete replacement of the entire application: one, which is "marked-up", and another, which is clean with all the changes incorporated. In the Markup version I have used my own convention to show the location of changes with (#) for replacement of text, {#} for deletion of text, and [#]